

Overflowing in the Midst of Suffering

OVERFLOWING

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Jesus said – “In this world you will have trouble...” John 16:33b (NIV)

- _____ **pain and suffering.**
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QUESTION: _____
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“God saw all that he had made, and it was very good...” Genesis 1:31a (NIV)

Types of Evil

1. _____.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23 (NIV)

2. _____.

“...Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. [v. 18] It will produce thorns and thistles for you...”
Genesis 3:17b;18a (NIV)

“We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.” Romans 8:22 (NIV)

QUESTION: _____
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1. _____.

2. _____.

“Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; [v.4]perseverance, character; and character, hope.” Romans 5:3-4 (NIV)

3. _____.

“Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. [v.11] No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.” Hebrews 12:10-11 (NIV)

We Need To...

1. _____.

“For our light and momentary troubles, are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.” 2 Corinthians 4:17 (NIV)

2. _____.

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

3. _____.

“Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. [v.9] But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.’ 2 Corinthians 12:8-9 (NIV)

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”
John 16:33 (NIV)